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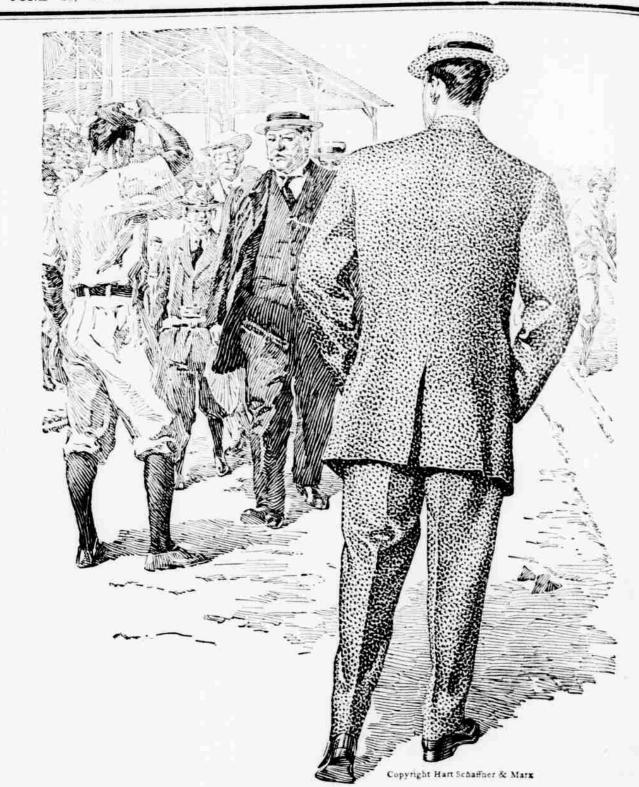
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Magazine, Professor Henderson de on almost every important question, Mark Twain had strong convictions and while he constantly expressed him-"Though exhibiting little of the self indirectly, he knew how to drop melancholy of Lincoln, Mark Twain has the mask and to hit straight from the was no stronger," a writer in the New in earnest, he was most unreal to many people. They could understand Bernard Shaw, who regards Poe and his swift sorties into literary critiim believe he is joking!" Richard Lordinght sentences are all forecast

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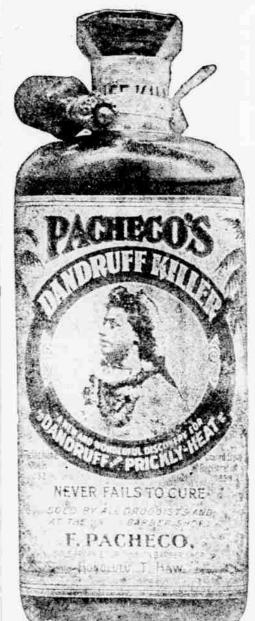
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